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MODULATORS OF BODY WEIGHT, CORRESPONDING NUCLEIC

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USES THEREOF

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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. BOX 1450 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to an Office Action dated August 28, 2003. This response is due on January 28, 2004, by virtue of the attached petition and fee for a three(3)-month extension of time to respond. Should the petition or fee be inadvertently omitted, Applicants renew the petition herein by reference and request that the fee be charged to account No: 11-1153. Applicants request entry and consideration of the following remarks. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition to Correct Inventorship Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) accompanied by the required fee.